

Application No. 10/718,463
Amdt. dated January 25, 2005
Reply to Office action of October 29, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 17 was objected to by the Examiner. This rejection has been overcome by amending the claim in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 20-24 were rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite. This rejection has been overcome by providing proper antecedent basis for a number of terms and phrases.

Claims 17-18 and 24 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,429,927 to Kawabata. The subject matter of claim 19 was considered allowable by the Examiner. Claim 19 has been incorporated into claim 17 and it is submitted that claim 17 and its dependent claims are now allowable.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33053US1.

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